

THE SILVER DEBATE.

Bland Will Move to Cut It Off at 2 O'Clock To-Morrow.

Pierce, of Tennessee, Argues First for Free Coinage To-Day.

House Galleries Again Crowded—Intense Interest in the Question.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The silver debate in the House of Representatives today showed an intensity of public interest in that great question which now faces the Fifty-second Congress and threatens to become a political issue in the Presidential campaign of the Autumn.

Gradually the conviction is forcing itself upon the members that it is to be no drawn battle, and that the issue is one which cannot be avoided, and that the day is near at hand when the House of Representatives must decide upon a yes and may vote its position on the question of free coinage.

The gentlemen who pinned their hopes on the chances of a compromise at the last hour by the substitution of a bill providing for an International Monetary Congress are losing courage today, and even the indomitable Mr. Tracey, of New York, concedes that the Free Coinage bill will have a clear majority if a final vote is ever reached upon its passage.

Mr. Tracey announces that the first motion to be made by the opponents of the bill at the conclusion of the debate will be in the form of a resolution recommending the bill to the Coinage Committee with instructions to report a substitute bill providing for an International Monetary Congress for the adjustment of the entire problem.

It is believed that this motion will receive the support of many gentlemen who will otherwise feel compelled to vote for free coinage and that it is therefore the strongest motion that can be made by the opponents of the bill.

It is defeated all the resources of parliamentary rules will then be invoked to tire out the friends of the bill and prevent a final vote upon its passage.

The galleries were crowded when the speaker reported the order for the day to-day, and there was no abatement from the great interest manifested at the opening of the debate yesterday.

The floor and galleries of the House, too, were well crowded, and the debate was opened at 10 o'clock by Mr. A. J. Warner, well known as one of the leaders of the free coinage movement.

In the galleries were seated many bankers and financial experts from all over the country, and the Western Union wires on the outside were busy with the progress of the debate.

"I desire to give notice," said Chairman Bland at the opening of the debate, "that at 2 o'clock to-morrow I shall demand the previous question on the silver bill and pending amendments."

The first speaker of the day was Representative Pierce, of Tennessee, the able young lieutenant of Chairman Bland on the Coinage Committee.

"In a discussion of the pending measure," said Mr. Pierce, "I do not believe that the time and unlimited energy of silver is for the best interests of the whole people of the country. I should not so warmly support this measure."

"It is only by going back to the past upon this question, we find that great industrial England was prosperous and happy until she struck down silver and discarded it as one of her coin metals."

"The voice of labor, then as now, was unheeded, and in front of his eyes, in three years witnessed a period of depression, distress and suffering, hitherto unknown in the Kingdom of Great Britain."

Continuing, the gentleman from Tennessee showed that after the discovery of gold in California and Australia, the result was a depression in every commercial nation affected by this expansion advanced 40 per cent.

The spirit that the dominant today among financiers and capitalists throughout the world is that scarcity in money is a thing to be feared.

WAS THE ENGINEER ASLEEP?

Seventeen People Hurt in a Singular Illinois Railway Accident.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CHICAGO, March 23.—An Ohio and Mississippi train from St. Louis, due here this morning, arrived several hours late owing to a wreck at Odell, Ill.

While the train was crossing the Illinois Central tracks at that point a freight train from the East cut across through, carrying away the day coach and the front end of the sleeper.

There were seventeen passengers in the day coach, all of whom were injured, but none fatally.

The Central engineer says he could not control his train. A passenger says he must have been asleep.

BROKE HIS SKULL WITH STONES.

A Newark Man Nearly Murdered by Young Hoodlums.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NEWARK, N. J., March 23.—William Munn and Thomas Farley, eighteen and sixteen years old respectively, were charged with the throwing of stones at Frank Mullen, of 133 New Jersey Railroad avenue, as the result of which Mullen sustained a fractured skull and may die.

Mullen's story is that he asked the boys to make some noise in front of his house, because his child was sick. They agreed to do so, and he threatened to call the police if they threw the stones at him. He was fully satisfied the prisoners.

BLAZE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Started by the Explosion of a Kerosene Oil Stove—Loss \$500.

Warden Hayes, of the Kings County Penitentiary, on Northward street, Brooklyn, this morning estimated the losses by the fire that broke out in the prison last evening at \$500.

PROVES THAT SHE IS ALIVE.

Mrs. Steckel Appears in Person Beside Her Dead Double.

Mystery of Newark's Drowned Woman Grow Deeper.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NEWARK, N. J., March 23.—That the body of the drowned woman lying in Bruckner's Morgue, on Belmont avenue, is not that of Mrs. Libbie Steckel, of Rockaway, N. J., was established beyond a peradventure at 1:30 this afternoon by the appearance of Mrs. Steckel herself at the Morgue.

She made a statement to Superintendent Brown and Chief of Police Hopper to the effect that her purpose in visiting Newark was to allay the fears of her dead and to show that she was still in the land of the living as well as being in the possession of the jewelry, money, &c., that were supposed to have been taken from the body of the dead woman.

She stated also that the girl that had accompanied her from Rockaway, Rosie Kahl, was now employed in New York, but exactly where she could not say.

Mrs. Steckel is a handsome woman, wore her hair in a bun, and had a fine, well-cut nose. She was dressed in a black silk dress and a black hat.

When speaking she seemed to feel keenly the mystery of the case, and her eyes were fixed upon the body of her dead double.

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MRS. PARAN STEVENS SCORED.

Counsel Denounces Her in Open Court as a Defaulter.

She Is Alleged to Owe the Paran Stevens Estate Over \$43,000.

There was a very long and heated discussion in Supreme Court chambers, before Judge Trust to-day, involving the litigation over the estate of Paran Stevens, who died over twenty years ago.

In the course of his argument John E. Burrill attacked Mrs. Paran Stevens, the well-known New York society woman, for the manner in which she had participated in the management of the estate, as executor, and characterized her as "an embezzler and defaulter of money belonging to the estate," and also asserted that she is today liable to prosecution in connection with her actions as executrix.

The argument was on a motion to continue an injunction secured by George T. Richardson and Charles G. Stevens, trustees under the will of Paran Stevens, restraining Mrs. Stevens from renting, leasing or letting any of the real estate of the Paran Stevens estate in this city.

John E. Burrill appeared on behalf of the trustees, and ex-Gov. Hoadly and ex-Surrogate Delano C. Calvin represented Mrs. Stevens.

This injunction proceeding grows out of the judgment entered in November last upon the report of the referee, William H. Choate, in a litigation pending between the trustees and executors since 1870, in which it was found that Mrs. Stevens owed the estate on May 1, 1887, over \$43,000, that she had not been faithful to her trust and her duties as executrix, had not kept proper accounts, had stirred up unnecessary litigation, and thereby defrauded the estate of the estate.

Mr. Burrill declared that the purpose of the injunction proceeding was to prevent Mrs. Stevens from getting any further money belonging to the estate which she had kept in her hands for nineteen years. He said that the real estate was of the value of over \$1,500,000 and above all liabilities, and that the continuance of the temporary injunction was absolutely necessary to the preservation of the estate.

He said that the others interested in the estate were in peril as far as their interests were concerned, and that it was about time that they were protected.

"If these poor people are not in peril," continued Mr. Burrill, "good God deliver them!" He stated that the fact that Mrs. Stevens had not a notice of appeal from the judgment against her was of no weight and of no consequence, because the bond she had filed was not worth the paper it was written on, and that as she had kept the estate in litigation for nineteen years, the Court should now interfere and protect all interested in the estate.

After recess ex-Gov. Hoadly, in reply to Mrs. Stevens, declared that the attack which had been made upon her by Mr. Burrill was a most unbecoming and unwarranted, and that she had been a faithful executrix of the estate.

She was the only person whose faithful attention to the estate had added anything to it since the death of her husband.

He asserted that the aspersions and insinuations made upon her character were not justified by the facts, and that the report of the referee was not sustained by the facts.

A score of horses were nearly suffocated and three men were killed at a fire in a stable in the rear of the stable of the late Mrs. Stevens, which was destroyed by fire on Friday night last.

The stable was a one-story, oblong, wooden building in the rear of some tenement-houses, and that one was away in the rear of the stable, where the blaze was the fiercest and hottest. The flames had not yet reached the animal, but he was kicking and thrashing about his stall, frantically trying to snap his teeth at the flames.

Fireman Joseph Wheeling, of Engine Company No. 19, volunteered to fetch the poor animal out of the burning stable, and reaching the horse he was able to snap his teeth at the flames.

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FIELD'S ASYLUM IS FIXED.

He Is to Go to the State Institute at Buffalo.

While There He Will Be Watched to See if He Is Shamming.

Justice Van Brunt, sitting in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, to-day declared, on the motion of District Attorney Nixson, to commit Edward M. Field, the son of Millionaire Cyrus W. Field, to the State Hospital for the Insane at Buffalo.

Field was brought down from Ludlow Street Jail at 10:30 o'clock by Deputy Sheriff Burke and O'Donnell. He was placed in the corner of the Court chamber, but it was an hour before Justice Van Brunt appeared.

Meanwhile Field settled down to the attitude which he maintained throughout the proceedings before Justice Van Brunt. He rested his head on his hand and did not raise his eyes from the floor.

But it was plain that he was in much better condition than a month ago. His eye was brighter and his complexion much clearer.

His untimely hair and beard were not in the wild, disheveled state that characterized his appearance at the lunacy inquiry, and his clothing was more carefully arranged.

Friends and relatives of Field gathered around him when he was given his place beside his lawyers, Cephas Bainerd and Frederick J. Stone. Among them were his brother, Cyrus W. Field, Jr., his cousin, Dr. Matthew D. Field, and his uncle, Henry M. Field, and Dr. Buchanan Burr.

Assistant District Attorney Weeks moved the commitment, and in committing Field to the Buffalo Asylum Justice Van Brunt said:

"I have concluded that the best investigation in which the most disinterested observation of the defendant can be had, and in which the rights and interests of both the defendant and of the people will be considered, is that the defendant be committed to the institution of which I get the best reports, and where it seems to me the results of investigation would carry most weight with the Court."

"I direct that the defendant be taken to the Buffalo State Hospital, to be there retained until either he is reported by the hospital authorities to be of sound mind, and be then returned, or subject to the further order of the Court."

Mr. Bainerd asked that Field be not taken to Buffalo till Friday night. Justice Van Brunt assented to this, and Field was escorted by the deputy sheriff to Ludlow Street Jail, where he had not been since the night of his arrest.

The Court was indicated for grand larceny in connection with the \$2,000,000 failure of the firm of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co., of which he was the senior member.

FOUGHT FOR HORSES' LIVES.

A Fireman Nearly Killed While Rescuing Animals from a Fire.

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DOCTOR AND PATIENT GONE.

Have Dr. Holcombe and Mrs. Wiley Eloped?

Jersey City Society Excited at Their Simultaneous Disappearance.

Society circles in Jersey City were startled this morning by the announcement of the disappearance of a prominent physician together with that of one of his patients, the wife of a well known ice dealer.

The physician is Dr. Almon J. Holcombe, of 610 Jersey avenue, which is an elegant brownstone front residence, of which he is the owner.

Dr. Holcombe has been a resident of Jersey City for many years, and has enjoyed a very large practice among the first families.

The woman is Mrs. Wiley, the wife of an ice dealer.

Mrs. Wiley has been a patient of the doctor for some time, during which a mutual regard grew between them, finally culminating in their disappearance.

Dr. Holcombe, being rich, lived in elegance and comfort, his four-story residence being grandly furnished, and he had every luxury at his hand.

He leaves a very estimable and devoted wife and an adopted daughter, who has been married about a year.

Mrs. Wiley leaves an affectionate and loving husband, who provided her a splendid home and all the comforts of life.

Neither Dr. Holcombe nor Mrs. Wiley have been at home for two days. Inquiry revealed the fact that they were seen together the last time either was seen in Jersey City.

It is not known where they have gone or in what condition the doctor has his property. It is, however, believed that he will return to his home.

The Mrs. Wiley spoke of in Mrs. Mary Wiley, and her husband lived at 214 Pavonia avenue, Jersey City.

Dr. Holcombe's daughter is married to Beverly Moody, who is the Superintendent of the Greenwood Lake and Northern Railroad.

To an Evening World reporter this morning he said he did not know what had become of his father-in-law, as he thinks his mind is affected as a result of the grip, of which he had a very bad attack this winter.

At the home of Mrs. Wiley it was said by the neighbors that they had not seen Mr. or Mrs. Wiley for at least four days.

Mrs. Wiley is about 30 years old, with bright blue eyes and attractive manners. She has one son, Frank, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe were accustomed each summer to take their meals outside of their home on Pavonia avenue. Last season they procured table board at Mrs. Braun's in the Delong row, directly across the street.

It was here that Dr. Holcombe met Mrs. Wiley, who was then a widow and boy, was also accustomed to dine at the widow Braun's table.

Mrs. Holcombe evidently had some intimation of her husband's plans as she has kept the house closed to all comers since yesterday and absolutely declines to be interviewed.

The story came out through the efforts of Mr. Frank Moody, who is the Superintendent of the Greenwood Lake and Northern Railroad.

Dr. Holcombe, to ascertain her tenant's wishes in regard to another lease of the premises, Mrs. Delong called yesterday afternoon, but was unable to get in. She suspected something was wrong, and communicated the fact to her brother-in-law, Joseph W. Delong, who owns the house occupied by Dr. Holcombe.

The latter succeeded in seeing Mrs. Holcombe, who said: "My husband has gone away, possibly never to return. You had better put a sign upon the house at once."

Warren did so, and a big "To Let" placard was placed on the front of the house.

Mrs. Holcombe's friends in Jersey City, Paul Minn, and may decide to go there. Her home is magnificently fitted up, and she owns the handsome brick residence formerly occupied by the late ex-Mayor John B. Komar, on Jersey avenue, next door to the North Branch church.

Dr. Holcombe has a brother who is a well-known Episcopal clergyman. Both the Holcombe and Wiley families were prominent at the time of the Park Reformed Church, fronting on Hamilton Square, and moved in the best society.

COL. DAN LAMONT'S ILLNESS.

Mrs. Lamont and Dr. Bryant Do Not Consider It Serious.

Col. Daniel S. Lamont, the street railroad king, who was private secretary to President Cleveland, is quite ill at his home, 238 West Seventy-third street. His illness is due to overwork.

Three weeks ago he started for Florida on the advice of his physician, Dr. Bryant, who declared that the nervous prostration from which the Colonel was suffering could be cured by a sojourn in the land of flowers.

After spending a few days at St. Augustine, Col. Lamont grew worse instead of better, and it was deemed advisable for him to return to this city. For some days he has been at his home under Dr. Bryant's care, and although no fatal results are apprehended, he will be quite a while before he will be able to attend to business again.

To an Evening World reporter, who called at the Lamont residence, Mrs. Lamont said that her husband had been a very good night and was in a very comfortable condition this morning. She emphatically denied the report that her husband was dying, and said that he was suffering merely from too close application to business.

OFFICER BAILEY'S JEWELS.

Said to Have Pawned One Diamond for Which He Hadn't Paid.

Policeman Samuel Bailey, of the Madison street station, was on trial before Commissioner Martin to-day on the complaint of Inspector Warren, who stated that the officer had pawned a diamond ring and a watch belonging to him, and that he had not paid for them.

The Inspector said that about two weeks ago he had pawned a diamond ring and a watch belonging to him, and that he had not paid for them.

The case was over for a while.

Taken with a Fit at His Desk.

John Gario, of 35 Christopher street, a clerk in the Surrogate's office, was taken with a fit at his desk this morning. After having been attended to by an ambulance doctor, he was taken home.

Roundsmen Tubbs Fell Downstairs.

Roundsmen Tubbs fell downstairs from the Oak street station, fell down the steps of his home at 26 Vandam street, this morning, breaking the bones of his left hand.

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